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FROM THE ARRL WEB PAGE. Amendment to ARRL DXCC Rules Will Expand DXCC List:

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The ARRL Board of Directors approved a motion to amend the DXCC Rules, when it met January 19-20. Section II, Subsection 1 of the DXCC Rules now will include a new Subsection (d): The entity has a separate IARU member society and is included on the US State Department Independent States in the World.

"The discussion during the Board meeting and the rule change did not address any specific entity," ARRL Radiosport Manager Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, said. "The amendment could allow some additions to the current DXCC List of entities. It's a good thing not only for DXCC but for all active hams.

In fact, the Republic of Kosovo (Z6) has been added to the DXCC List of current entities, increasing the total number of current DXCC entities to 340. The addition of Kosovo raises to 331 the required number of current entities confirmed to qualify for DXCC Honor Roll; Top of Honor Roll is 340. DXCC award accounts are being tabulated to reflect the change.

This change qualifies as an "event," effective on January 21, 2018, at 0000 UTC. Nothing is retroactive.

A new Logbook of The World (LoTW) TQSL configuration file (v.11.4) will be released on January 23. TQSL will detect when this file has been released and will install the update automatically. Radio Amateurs outside of Kosovo should continue to upload their logs to LoTW in the usual manner. LoTW users within Kososvo (either with a Z6 call sign or reciprocal call sign Z6/) will use TQSL to request a new call sign certi-
ficate for their call sign. The request will use Republic of Kososvo as the DXCC entity, and the QSO Begin date will be January 21 or later. LoTW will reject call sign certificate requests for the Republic of Kosovo with a QSO Begin date prior to January 21. Z6 users requesting call sign certi-

ficates may e-mail a copy of their Amateur Radio license.
Kosovo's IARU member society SHRAK and its president Vjollca Caka, Z61VB, are hosting a 10th-anniversary activation to celebrate Kosovoï¿½s independence in February, 2008. SHRAK Headquarters station Z60A now is active on several bands with multiple guest operators. Club Log will be used for this activation, while QSLs are via OH2BH.

REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO ACTIVE TODAY -- Z60A TEAM ALREADY ON THE GROUND
(Press Release by Wayne, N7NG, dated January 23rd). Kosovo's IARU Society SHARK, and its president Vjollca Caka, Z61VB, are hosting a tenth anniversary activation celebrating Kosovo's independence, February, 2008.
The activation has already started, with Z60A being found on several bands. Adding to their HQ location is a semi-permanent low-band site. Both sites have beam antennas plus four K3s and SPE 1.3KW amps. Olli, OH0XX, has been testing the propagation over the past two days with good -- but narrow -- U.S openings.
An international team has been invited to Kosovo and is partially on the ground at this time. The team consists of DL3DXX, OH0XX, OH1MA, OH2BH, OH3JR, OZ1IKY, S50A and S51F, along with locals Z61DX, Z61FF, Z61VB, Z62FB and Z63DBB. Additional locals are behind this activity as well, and a new 2nd week team will be announced soon.
Jim, K9JF, ARRL Hon. Vice-President and Hans, PB2T, IARU R1 secretary will add to the party.
The ARRL Rocky Mountain Division director, Dwayne Allen, WY7FD has informed the team that the LoTW and the other ARRL structures are being put into place to receive this new DXCC country contacts. Already, "Republic of Kosovo" is listed in the DXCC Challenge pages.
ClubLog will be used for this activation, while QSLs will go via OH2BH.

QSL VIA N2OO NEWS. Bob Schenck, N2OO, informs OPDX, "With the 3Y0Z QSL project fast approaching, now would be a good time to request any other QSLs that I handle. Once the 3Y0Z and 3G9A/MM mail starts up, all other QSL operations here will be delayed. For a full list of who I handle and how to request cards, go to the QRZ page for N2OO. Also, if you add cards with your 3Y0Z mail for other calls, your return mail will be delayed. Itï¿½s OK to do, but there will be a delay. See ya all in the pileups de N2OO.

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